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SUBJ: IV GRANTEE: ANURA BANDARANAIKE

REF: STATE 154451

1. IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO SRI LANKA, ANURA BANDARANAIKE HAS SPOKEN IN LAUDATORY FASHION ABOUT HIS VISIT TO UNITED STATES WHICH HE HAS TERMED "MOST SUCCESSFUL." HE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS OF AMERICANS HE MET (CONTRASTING THIS WITH ALOOFNESS OF BRITISH), OPENESS AND COMPLEXITY OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, AND STRENGTH OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

2. BANDARANAIKE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPED FOR HIM, NOTING IN PARTICULAR HIS PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESS AND HIS EXPOSURE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. BOSTON AREA WAS ATTRACTIVE TO HIM BECAUSE OF HIS LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION. BANDARANAIKE ESPECIALLY PRAISEWORTHY OF ASSISTANCE AND COMPANIONSHIP PROVIDED BY ESCORT FSO JAMES LEADER.

3. IN JULY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH HE CALLED TO DISCUSS HIS IMPRESSIONS OF U.S. TRIP, BANDARANAIKE  
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TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE U.S. OFFICIALS HAD

ASSURED HIM THERE WAS NO SPECIAL UNDERTAKING BY  
USG TO PROVIDE EXTRA GRAIN IF UNITED NATIONAL  
PARTY (UNP) RETURNED TO POWER AS UNP HAD BEEN  
INSINUATING. ALTHOUGH HE POINTED OUT DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SRI LANKA IN FIELDS OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC POLICY, HE REPORTEDLY  
POINTED UP POSITIVE FEATURES OF AMERICAN SYSTEM AND  
U.S. LEADERS' INCREASINGLY "HUMAN AND PERSONAL  
APPROACH TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS." U.S. LEADERS'  
REACTION TO HIS PRESENTATION OF CEYLONENE VIEWPOINT  
UNDERScoreD, ACCORDING TO BANDARANAIKE, THEIR CAPACITY  
FOR FLEXIBILITY AND REALISM IN SHAPING NATIONAL  
POLICY. TENOR OF REPORTED STATEMENTS INDICATES  
BANDARANAIKE INTENDS CONTINUE TO PROJECT IMAGE  
OF MODERATE, BUT INDEPENDENT, YOUTH LEADER.

4. EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN WISHES TO THANK ALL THOSE IN  
WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO  
SUCCESS OF THIS IMPORTANT VISIT.  
VAN HOLLEN

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